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Several weeks ago when Greg phoned me he seemed to stutter or hesitate more and I felt was a little more pressured than usual. He seemed at a loss about what to do. I told him he had done well, very well in L.A. and had accomplished just about all that seemed possible. I urged him, strongly but not with anything like what happened in mind, to resume work on his doctorate. His response was that he had Sylvia Meagher's files to worry about. I told him that need be no worry because he had placed them as well as he could have hoped to (earlier he had indicated that he would leave them at Hood as soon as he could go over them)and that depending on Roger's resources he could get Roger Feinman to do that for him. He agreed that the only concern he had was over disclosure of what she wanted to be kept confidential. My response was that we have no right to edit any part of history and that what she had not marked confidential ought not be. I don't recall whether I wrote him. If I did, I did not keep a copy. I believe I did write Feinman without making copy because filing is now awkward for me. Greg agreed that using Roger could or would be the best thing he could do but I think he said he wanted to give that more thought. I also told him that the library has its own obligations and responsibilities and what he says remaines to be done with her records falls within them. He agreed to this but as I now recall wanted to think further about making his own review of what she'd marked confidential. At this point Dave Wrone called about other matters, did not know of this, told me that Greg had sounded fine when he'd called Dave only a day of so before he killed himself, and in that conversation repeated that he had decided to leave the records at Hood. I asked Dave to write a memo on this and he said he would. For quite some time there had been no doubt in my mind that after his initial tentative decision to deposit the records at Hood, where I'd arranged temporary storage through Jerry McKnight, Greg had decided on Hood for their permanent deposit. It is my impression that Sylvia had originally wanted Feinman in the role she later assigned to Greg, in part at least to help him with the income from her estate it would provide him. One more thing, I have had the impression for some time that Greg felt he had "burned out." He once or twice said so. Someone Jerry knows was told by Greg that he was very disappointed in Melanson and had told him he wanted nothing more to do with him. also asked her if she could get a pistol like Sirhan's for him. She lives in W. Va.

GREGORY F. STONE
Capitol Hill Aide

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Gregory Freeman Stone, 41, a native of Alexandria and a former aide to Rep. Allard K. Lowenstein (D-N.Y.) on Capitol Hill and later in New York, died Jan. 29 in Fernwood Park in Los Angeles. A spokesman for the Los Angeles Police said death was caused by a self-inflicted gunshot wound and the death was a suicide.

Mr. Stone was a graduate of Alexandria's Hammond High School and a summa cum laude graduate of Oberlin College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received a master's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin.

He began working for Lowenstein in 1969 on Capitol Hill and continued working for him as an administrative assistant and researcher in New York after Lowenstein was defeated for reelection in 1970. He was director of research for Rep. Douglas Walgren (D-Pa.) in 1977 and 1978, then from 1978 to 1980 was chief researcher for the Vietnam Veterans of America organization.

For the last 10 years he had been based in Los Angeles, where he was investigating the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy for the Inquiry and Accountability Foundation of Los Angeles, of which he was a founding member and executive director.

He was author of a book, "Allard K. Lowenstein: Acts of Courage and Belief."

Survivors include his father, Oliver E. Stone of Sandy Spring, and a sister, Dr. Jennifer A. Stone of Starkville, Miss.